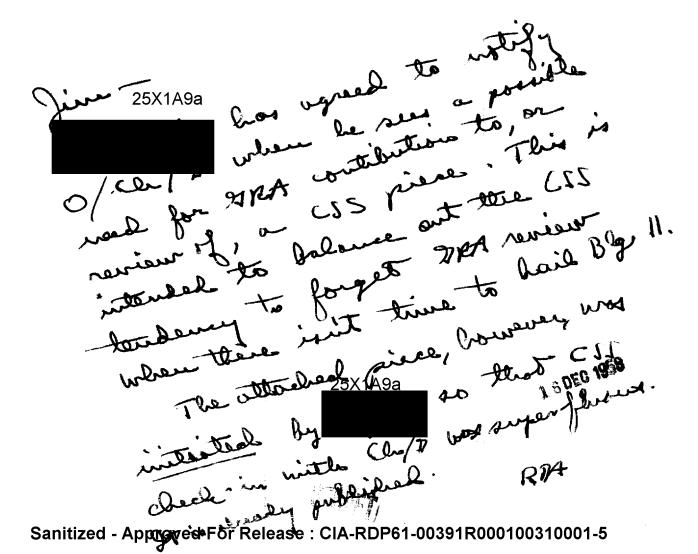
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Seviet press raises hostile charges against US operations
in the Antarctic: A Soviet economist writing in Evedzda several
months ago repeated the usual charges against US imperialism
in the struggle for raw materials and strategic advantages,
and laid heavy stress on military training and testing of equipment linking these to aggressive US designs in the Arctic.

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evidence of US military interests in Antarctica. (Source:
Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic FDB, No. 6, 1958, pp 1619 UNCL)

Comment: Soviet political attitudes during their-IGY

Antarctic operations have been marked by a friendly attitude

among the scientists and generally in the Soviet press. The

only exceptions have been two blasts in the Soviet International

Effairs, No. 1, 1955 and No. 3, 1957. The firstof these articles

apparently was intended to point up the possible subsersion of

future US-IGY activities from scientific military purposes and

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the second may have been a veiled warning against attempts

to freeze the USSR out of any international arrangements for

Antarctica.

This latest attack, appearing as it does after President

Eisenhower's invitation of 2 May 1956, to eleven nations, ineluding the USSR, to organize an international conference on

Antarctica, could also be a effort to define—in any treaty that
may be evolved—"peaceful uses of Antarctica" as completely nonmilitary. This would eliminate the US Havy as an operating
maval force in Antarctica, and thereby embarrase the US because
of its preposal that the "peaceful uses" provision be qualified
to allow the use of military forces for logistical purposes in
Antarctic operations.

The Soviets may be attempting to corner the US into a choice between insistence, at the forthcoming conference, on the right to allow the US Mavy to continue in US post-IGY activities, the possible elimination of the Mavy, which would weaken US Antarctic capabilities while reorganizing on a civilian basis

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at the time of an expanding Soviet peet-IGY program, or refusal to sign the treaty. The Soviet Union can point to the
ostensibly civilian character of its Chief Directorate of the
Northern Sea Route, the erganisation in charge of Soviet Antarctic operations, although it is known that military personnel
have been associated with Soviet activities. (Company LLL)

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